Nelson, Orozco win big in Hoopa elections

HOOPA -- The unofficial results in Wednesday's Hoopa Valley Tribe primary election are in.

For the Tribal Council, Jacalyn G. Martins and Leonard Masten Jr. were the top vote getters in the Campbell Field District, and will face each other in a runoff in the general election.

In the Mesket Field District, Joseph L. Jarnaghan and Ben Branham Jr. will also compete in a runoff.

For the Election Board, Mary Dukes Nelson and Joseph R. Orozco won three-year seats because they garnered more than 51 percent of the votes cast.

There will be a runoff between two other candidates, Raven Sherman and Tamera Hostler, for an additional one-year seat on the Election Board.

Only 581 of 1,286 tribal members eligible to vote participated in the election.

The results are as follows:

Campbell Field District: Masten Jr., 237 votes; Martins, 121; Elton Baldy, 117; Laura A. Peters, 58; Mikyowe Jackson, 46.

Mesket Field District: Jarnaghan, 251; Branham Jr., 137; Daniel E. Pratt Sr., 105; Robert Hodge Jr., 84.

Election Board: Nelson, 319; Orozco, 301; Sherman, 268; Hostler, 245; Stoney McCoy, 152; Colette Colegrove, 116.

Of the 581 votes, 444 were cast at the polls, 137 were absentees. One ballot was voided because it was not properly submitted, said Kimberly Gray, administrative assistant to the Election Board.

The general election is scheduled for June 15.